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SUBJECT: US-USSR HOUSING AGREEMENT: NEW TOWNS (10.06)

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1. ON APRIL 11 EMBASSY RECEIVED KUDRAYAVTSEV-WHITE LETTER MENTIONED IN REFTEL. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS PARA 2 BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO HANCOCK REGISTRY NUMBER 952767.

2. DEAR MR. WHITE: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER PROPOSING TO HOLD THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP IN MAY, TO WHICH WE AGREE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD PREFER THAT THE AMERICAN DELEGATION ARRIVE ON MAY 10 BECAUSE MAY 9 IS OUR HOLIDAY, "VICTORY DAY."

CONCERNING THE QUESTIONS WHICH IT IS PROPOSED TO DISCUSS AT THE SESSION, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS THE DRAFT NATIONAL REPORTS ON "MANAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS." I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL SIGNED AT THE MEETING OF EXPERTS JANUARY 15-
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24, 1978 IN WASHINGTON, WE SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED THIS DOCUMENT FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE BY MARCH 31. I REQUEST YOU TO ACCELERATE ITS TRANSMISSION SO THAT WE MAY STUDY IT IN A PRELIMINARY FASHION. OUR REPORT WAS GIVEN TO THE AMERICAN SIDE DURING THE MEETING OF SPECIALISTS. AT THE SESSION IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DEFINE THE PERSPECTIVES OF COOPERATION IN 1979 AND 1980. WE BELIEVE THAT IT

WOULD BE USEFUL TO DEEPEN JOINT WORK ON FOUR PROJECTS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT "PLANNING NEW TOWNS." WE WILL PREPARE CORRESPONDING PROPOSALS. WE INTEND TO INCLUDE IN THE PROGRAM OF THE DELEGATION VISITS TO YEREVAN, DUBNA, RIGA AND TO AN AGRICULTURAL POINT NEAR RIGA -- SALAS-PILS. THE PROGRAM WILL BE FURTHER DEFINED BEFORE YOUR ARRIVAL. I AM CERTAIN THAT THE FORTHCOMING MEETING WILL BE JUST AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE PRECEDING ONE.

3. COMMENT. EMBASSY DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT US SIDE UNDERTAKE LONG RANGE COMMITMENTS, I.E., THOSE WHICH WOULD CARRY JOINT WORK BEYOND THE PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. (ARTICLE VII, PARA 3 OF THE AGREEMENT COULD BE IMPORTANT IN THIS REGARD.) IF SUCH LONG RANGE COMMITMENTS ARE UNDERTAKEN THEY SHOULD BE CLEARLY LABELED IN THE PROTOCOL AS PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE NEXT HOUSING JCM, WHERE THE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE RENEWAL OF THE HOUSING AGREEMENT WILL HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THE SOVIETS. TOON

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